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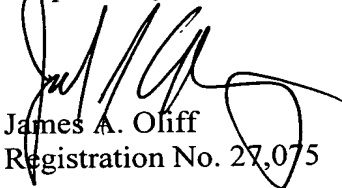
Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter
contained therein.REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 8 is cancelled.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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